

Opiate Addiction Treatment Pilot Program

Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Governor Walker's 201517 budget proposal included \$1,573,400 over the biennium for the Department of Corrections (DOC) to pilot an opiate addiction treatment program including medication assisted treatment for offenders under the agency's care.

The DOC is looking to contract with providers in Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Waupaca, and Winnebago Counties who have existing opiate addiction treatment programming and have the capability to treat using Vivitrol.

The pilot will include individuals incarcerated and nearing release or those currently under community supervision who may or may not have completed AODA programming and with their first Vivitrol injection administered prior to release. Participants may also be individuals in the community on probation and who may or may not have had prior AODA treatment.

Participants must volunteer to be part of the pilot.

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) is seeking input from existing opioid treatment providers interested in providing medication-assisted treatment using Vivitrol. Agencies must be able to provide the following services in one or more of the eight pilot counties (Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Waupaca, Winnebago):

- ♦ Medical assessment to determine participant's medical eligibility for the pilot program.
- Medical assessment to determine the presence of opiates in participant's system, i.e., urinalysis.
- Medication assisted treatment of opiate addiction with naltrexone for extended-release injectable suspension, i.e., Vivitrol.
- Alcohol and other drug abuse treatment programming using cognitive based therapies based on assessed need of the individual.
- Ability to invoice third parties for services covered by insurance or other government programs.
- ♦ Case management services to include communication with DOC Probation and Parole Agents assigned to the participant's case.
- Ability to reach-in to DOC institutions via tele-health to begin building relationships with incarcerated individuals as they prepare for release to ensure continuity of care.
- Ability to provide emergency enrollment (M-F) for community-based participants presenting to DOC in need of services.
- ♦ Capability to electronically report specific data elements as required by the DOC.

The number of pilot participants is indeterminate at this time and will vary from county to county. Overall cost of services will determine number of participants able to participate.

Agencies that are interested in participating in the pilot will be contracted with individually for the remainder of the pilot period. Extension of contracts is dependent upon continuing funding. DOC anticipates the pilot beginning early 2016.

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